

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image communication apparatus which transmits image data to a transmission destination address comprising:

5 an address storage which stores a mail address;

a destination specification acceptance section which accepts specification of any of mail addresses stored in the address storage and determines a specified mail address to be the transmission destination address; and

10 an address registration section which stores, in the address storage, a sender's mail address indicated in a header of the separate electronic mail, upon receipt of electronic mail including specified registration specification information and having

15 a body embedded with separate electronic mail.

2. The image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the registration specification information corresponds to a specified character string included in a subject of the electronic mail.

20 3. The image communication apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:

a received mail processing section which, when electronic mail is received, performs a specified process for the electronic mail; and

25 a deletion section which deletes electronic mail containing the registration specification information

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without allowing the received mail processing section to perform the specified process.

4. The image communication apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:

5           a specific information storage which stores specific information;

          a specific information generation section which generates the specific information by using specified information included in the separate electronic mail, upon receipt of electronic mail including specified registration specification information and having a body embedded with separate electronic mail;

          a registration inhibition section which inhibits the address registration section from storing a mail address in the address storage when the specific information storage already stores specific information generated by the specific information generation section; and

          a specific information registration section which stores specific information generated by the specific information generation section in the specific information storage only when the specific information storage does not store the specific information.

5. The image communication apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the specific information generation section generates the specific information by combining a character string included in a subject of the

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separate electronic mail with a character string indicating the time of creating the separate electronic mail.

5 6. An image communication apparatus which transmits image data to a transmission destination address comprising:

an address storage which stores a plurality of mail addresses corresponding to a group name;

10 a destination specification acceptance section which accepts specification of a group name and determines the transmission destination address by using a plurality of mail addresses stored in the address storage corresponding to a specified group name; and

15 an address registration section which stores, in the address storage, a plurality of specified mail addresses indicated in a header of the separate electronic mail corresponding to the determined group name, upon receipt of electronic mail having including  
20 specified registration specification information and a body embedded with separate electronic mail, determines an unused group name.

7. The image communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the registration specification  
25 information corresponds to a specified character string included in a subject of the electronic mail.

8. The image communication apparatus according

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to claim 6, wherein the address registration section determines the group name including at least part of a character string indicating a subject of the electronic mail.

5           9. The image communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the address registration section allows the address storage to store all mail addresses indicated in a header of the separate electronic mail.

10           10. The image communication apparatus according to claim 6, comprising:

          a received mail processing section which, when electronic mail is received, performs a specified process concerning the electronic mail; and

15           a deletion section which deletes electronic mail containing the registration specification information without allowing the received mail processing section to perform the specified process.

          11. The image communication apparatus according to claim 6, comprising:

20           a specific information storage which stores specific information;

          a specific information generation section which generates the specific information by using specified information included in the separate electronic mail, upon receipt of electronic mail including specified registration specification information and having a body embedded with separate electronic mail;

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a registration inhibition section which inhibits the address registration section from storing a mail address in the address storage when the specific information storage already stores specific information generated by the specific information generation section; and

a specific information registration section which stores specific information generated by the specific information generation section in the specific information storage only when the specific information storage does not store the specific information.

12. The image communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the specific information generation section generates the specific information by combining a specified character string included in a subject of the separate electronic mail with a character string indicating the time of creating the separate electronic mail.

13. A control method of controlling an image communication apparatus to transmit image data to a transmission destination address and to include an address storage which stores a mail address, and a destination specification acceptance section which accepts specification of any of mail addresses stored in the address storage and determines a specified mail address to be the transmission destination address, the method comprising:

storing, in the address storage, a sender's mail address indicated in a header of the separate electronic mail upon receipt of electronic mail including specified registration specification information and having a body embedded with separate electronic mail.

14. The control method according to claim 13, wherein the image communication apparatus includes a received mail processing section which, when electronic mail is received, performs a specified process concerning that electronic mail, and

deletes the electronic mail containing the registration specification information without allowing the received mail processing section to perform the specified process for that electronic mail.

15. The control method according to claim 13, wherein the image communication apparatus comprises a specific information storage which stores specific information;

generates the specific information by using specified information included in the separate electronic mail, upon receipt of electronic mail includes specified registration specification information and having a body embedded with separate electronic mail;

inhibits the address registration section from storing a mail address in the address storage when

the specific information storage already stores  
this generated specific information; and

stores the generated specific information in  
the specific information storage only when the specific  
information storage does not store that specific  
information.

16. A control method of controlling an image  
communication apparatus to transmit image data to  
a transmission destination address and to include  
an address storage which stores a plurality of mail  
addresses corresponding to a group name, and a  
destination specification acceptance section which  
accepts specification of a group name and determines  
the transmission destination address by using a  
plurality of mail addresses stored in the address  
storage corresponding to a specified group name,  
the method comprising:

determining an unused group name, and storing,  
in the address storage, a plurality of specified mail  
addresses indicated in a header of the separate  
electronic mail corresponding to the determined group  
name, upon receipt of electronic mail including  
specified registration specification information and  
having a body embedded with separate electronic mail.

17. The control method according to claim 16,  
wherein the image communication apparatus includes  
a received mail processing section which, when

electronic mail is received, performs a specified process concerning that electronic mail, and

deletes the electronic mail containing the registration specification information without allowing  
5 the received mail processing section to perform the specified process for that electronic mail.

18. The control method according to claim 16, wherein the image communication apparatus comprises a specific information storage which stores specific  
10 information;

generates the specific information by using specified information included in the separate electronic mail, upon receipt of electronic mail having includes specified registration specification  
15 information and a body embedded with separate electronic mail;

inhibits the address registration section from storing a mail address in the address storage when the specific information storage already contains this  
20 generated specific information; and

stores the generated specific information in the specific information storage only when the specific information storage does not contain that specific information.

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